Food items produced by Indian companies

1031. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private airlines have requested the Government to allow them free import of processed food items, toiletry items made abroad for use on their flights;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached to this effect;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the private airlines complained that the processed food items manufactured by the Indian companies lack the quality and packaging and that many passengers complained of gastic problems after consuming the items produced by the Indian companies and served on domestic carriers; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the food items served on the Air India flights are imported?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) All Airlines are free to import food and other items subject to normal import policy of the Government. In case of international operations Airlines can lift food and other items from the stations of departure. No specific complaint has been received from any airlines in the Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism about quality of processed food available in the country.

उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐतिहासिक स्थलों का विकास

1032. **प्रो० राम लखन सिंह वर्मा :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पर्यटकों के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश के ऐतिहासिक स्थलों को अधिक आकर्षक बनाने हेतु उन्हें विकसित करने और सुन्दर बनाने की आवश्यकता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने फर्रुखाबाद में ऐतिहमासिक स्थलों का पता लगाने के लिये कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) भारत में सांस्कृतिक पर्यटन का संबर्धन करने के महत्व को मान्यता देने के लिए, पर्यटन विभाग, भारत सरकार, उत्तर प्रदेश समेत सभी राज्य सरकारों से विकास/सौन्दर्यीकरण करने के लिए कुछ स्मारकों की शिनाख्त करने का अनुरोध करता रहा है।

उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि निम्नलिखित स्मारकों के सौन्दर्यीकरण/विकास करने के लिए अभिनिर्धारित किया गया है :—

1. ताजमहल
2. फतेहपुर सीकरी
3. झांसी का किला
4. सारनाथ स्मारक
5. वाराणसी के घाट
6. कुसुम वन मथुरा
7. लखनऊ के स्मारक—बाड़ा/छोटा इमाम बाड़ा, विधान-भवन।

(ग) पर्यटन विभाग ने ऐसा कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नही उठता।

Certified standing orders in Ashok Hotel

1033. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any certified standing orders exist in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

(Unit: ITDC), if so;

(b) since when the same has been made applicable to the hotel; and

(c) the classification of employees stipulated under the certified standing orders?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The certified standing Orders are applicable in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi since 16 October, 62 as amended from time to time. As per these Orders the classification of employees is stipulated as under:—

(a) Permanent

(b) Temporary

(c) Badlis

(d) Casuals

(e) Probationers

(f) Apprentices

CAG on mounting public debt

1034. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has expressed his concern over the mounting public debts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much money has been raised by Government from internal and external borrowings from June, 1990 till date and how much of it is still outstanding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General's report titled "Public Debt", has dealt with the issues of mounting internal and external debt, growing debt servicing obligations, sharp growth of revenue deficit, outstanding dues from State Governments and others, poor utilisation of external assistance, etc. The report was tabled in the Rajya Sabha on 13-2-1995.

(c) The net additional internal borrowings including other liabilities and extenral borrowings on Government account according to book value from 1990-91 to 1994-95 (RE) add upto Rs. 273435.80 crores. The total debt outstanding at the end of March, 1995 is estimated at Rs. 541328.61 crores as per RE 1994-95.

Expenditure incurred on curbing terrorist activities in N.E. States

1035. SHRI MYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur of North Eastern States have approached Finance Commission for refunding of crores of rupees incurred on curbing terrorist activities in these States;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made by the Governments of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any final decision in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be furnished.

Strike by LIC and FIC employees

1036. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of LIC and GIC went on a day-long strike in the country on 16th February, 1995;